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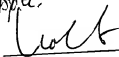
The undersigned applicant or assignee hereby appoints D. Michael Young, Reg. No. 33,819, Richard T. Knauer, Reg. No. 35,575, Brent A. Harris, Reg. No. 39,215 and Marilyn L. Amick, Reg. No. 30,444 all of Roche Diagnostics Corporation, 9115 Hague Road, P.O. Box 50528, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250, Telephone (317) 845-2000:

to prosecute and transact all business on its behalf before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with any U.S. patent assigned to it and any U.S. patent application filed by it or on its behalf and to receive payments on its behalf.

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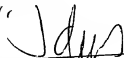
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